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To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for the year 1954, being the 59th year since the Urban District Council first met in 1895, and the second since I assumed office.

The vital statistics, considered together, may be accepted as satisfactory although the Infant Mortality Rate is higher than last year when it was the lowest recorded in the District. The Birth Rate is the lowest since 1939. Impressions gained in many ways support the available evidence that the state of the public health was good during the year.

Cases of notifiable infectious disease were not unduly numerous and it is particularly gratifying that there were no notifications in respect of Typhoid Fever and Diphtheria, although this does not constitute grounds for complacence in either case.

Construction of houses proceeds apace with living conditions in parts of the district being transformed.

It is regrettable that the service of sewerage disposal has not proceeded likewise and anxiety is felt on the score of the out-of-date overloaded and in some cases barely functioning disposal plants. It is earnestly to be hoped that the Council's efforts to have adopted one of the comprehensive schemes for sewage disposal will soon be successful.

I am glad to have this opportunity of thanking you for your support and encouragement during the year. I have great pleasure, too, in acknowledging gratefully the co-operation and assistance of Mr. Wilkinson and the staff of the Health Department.

I have the honour to be,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

R. GORDON DRUMMOND,

Medical Officer of Health.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1954

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS · Area in Acres 8,224 Population (Registrar General's estimate) 19,810 Number of inhabited houses (end of 1954) 6,290 Rateable Value (1st April, 1955) £74,702 £280 Sum represented by a penny rate Registrar General's Area Comparability Factors: Births: 0.99 Deaths: 1.10 Total Male Female Live Births—Legitimate 334 191 143 Rate per 1,000 pop-Illegitimate 3 3 ulation 17.0 Adjusted 16.8 Still Births—Legitimate 5 4 Rate per 1,000 total Illegitimate 1 1 (Live and Still births) 17.4 Deaths (all causes) 224 129 95 Rate per 1,000 population 11.3 Adjusted 12.4 Infant Mortality. (Deaths of children under one year of age) Legitimate - 11 Rate per 1,000 live Illegitimate births 32.64 Deaths from Measles (all ages) ...

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Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years of age)

Section A

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND VITAL STATISTICS

1. NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area—8,224 acres. The District consist of seven wards; it borders with the City of Durham, the Rural Districts of Durham and of Lanchester, and the Urban District of Crook and Willington.

Industries. Mainly Coal-mining and Agriculture.

Population. The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year population is 19,810, a decrease of 30 from 1953.

Inhabited Houses. According to the Rate Books, the number of inhabited houses in the district is 6,290.

2. VITAL STATISTICS.

Registrar General's Area Comparability Factors. These figures are a means of adjusting the rates for Births and Deaths so that the population of the District is directly comparable with the population of England and Wales as a whole, in so far as distribution by age and sex is concerned. The adjusted rates are those to be compared with the rates for England and Wales and with the similarly adjusted rates for other areas.

Births. During the year there were registered 194 male births and 143 female. Of this total of 337, three were illegitimate. There were 26 fewer births than in 1953. The birth rate (adjusted) of 16.8 is therefore lower than the rate for last year (19.4).

Table I shows the Live and Still Birth Rates in comparison with those for England and Wales, the Administrative County of Durham and various great and small towns. Table II shows rates over the past 10 years.

Deaths. 224 deaths were registered during the year, 129 males and 95 females.

This was an increase of one from 1953. The Death Rate (adjusted) of 12.4 is little changed from the similarly adjusted rate of 12.2 in the previous year. Tables I and II show comparisons with rates for County Durham and England and Wales.

Table III shows the individual causes of death. Diseases of the Circulatory System accounted for about 35% and Cancer for nearly 18% of the deaths registered. The corresponding figures for 1953 were 37% and 14%.

Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis were three, and from Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis, none.

Infant Mortality. (Deaths of children under one year of age). 11 children died before reaching one year of age, as compared with 10 last year, the infant mortality rate being 32.6. Last year's rate of 27.2 is the lowest yearly rate recorded for the District (earliest available record is 1921).

The rate for England and Wales for 1954 is 25.5. However, the numbers of infant deaths each year, are comparatively small and too great significance should not be attached to a single rate.

The actual numbers for the past 10 years are:—

1945	 32	1950		12
1946	 21	1951		18
1947	 25	1952	•••	18
1948	 23	1953		10
1949	 16	1954		11

These numbers should be read in conjunction with the rates given in Table II and should be considered in assessing the change in the rate over the years.

Of the 11 children who died before reaching one year of age, five were less than four weeks old.

Maternal Mortality. Unhappily there was again one death during the year from maternal causes.

Section B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

1. Public Health Officers of the Local Authority.

Medical Officer of Health—R. Gordon Drummond, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., also Medical Officer of Health, City of Durham and Rural District of Durham; Assistant County Medical Officer, County Durham.

Sanitary Inspector—William Wilkinson, M.S.I.A., Certified Food Inspector, etc.

Clerical Staff—

Mr. Albert Smith, Clerk.
Miss Irma Marchant, Clerk/Typist.

- 2. Laboratory Services.
 - (i) Dryburn Hospital, Department of Pathology.
 - (ii) Public Health Laboratory, Government Buildings, Ponteland Road, Newcastle, 5.
 - (iii) Public Analyst, Victoria Road, Darlington.
- 3. GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

Durham County Executive Council, 20 New Elvet, Durham.

4. NEWCASTLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.

Walkergate Hospital, Newcastle 2.

Durham Hospital Management Committee, Dryburn Hospital, Durham.

- (a) General.
 - (i) Dryburn Hospital, Durham.
 - (ii) County Hospital, Durham.
 - (iii) Crossgate Hospital, Durham (Long Stay).
- (b) Maternity.
 - (i) Dryburn Hospital.
 - (ii) Croxdale Maternity Hospital.
- (c) Infectious.
 - (i) Chester-le-Street Isolation Hospital.
 - (ii) Langley Park Isolation (Smallpox).
- (d) Tuberculosis.
 - (i) Dryburn Hospital.
 - (ii) Isolation Hospital, Chester-le-Street.
 - (iii) Chest Clinic, Earl's House Hospital.
 - (iv) Mass Miniature Radiography Unit, Gilesgate Hospital.
- (e) Mental.
 - (i) Winterton Hospital, Sedgefield.
 - (ii) Aycliffe Hospital.
 - (iii) Prudhoe and Monkton Hospital.
 - (iv) Earl's House Hospital.
 - (v) Crossgate Hospital, Durham.
 - (f) Convalescent.
 Brandon Hospital.
 - (g) Venereal Disease Clinic.
 County Hospital, Durham.

- 5. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL, HEALTH SERVICE.
 - (a) School Health Service.
 - (b) Ambulance Service.

County Ambulance Headquarters, Framwellgate Moor, Durham.

- (c) Health Visiting.
- (d) Home Nursing.
- (e) Domiciliary Midwifery.
- (f) Domestic Help.
- (g) Vaccination and Immunisation.
- (h) Care of Mothers and Young Children.
 - (i) Child Welfare Centres:

Brandon—1 Frederick Street South, Meadowfield. Esh Winning—10 Wood View.

(ii) Artificial Sunlight Clinics:

Durham.

(iii) Birth Control Clinics:

Durham,

(iv) Post Natal Clinics:
Durham.

- (i) Prevention of illness. Care and after care.

 Loan of equipment and appliances.
- (j) Accommodation under Part III National Assistance Act. Crossgate Hospital.

Section C

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

During the year there was no undue prevalence of notifiable infectious disease (Table VI).

SCARLET FEVER

The occurrence of only four cases is in marked contrast with the numbers occurring in the previous two years.

Whooping Cough

The number of cases is not remarkable and corresponds closely with the number notified last year. There were no deaths attributed to the disease.

POLIOMYELITIS

There were two cases of acute paralytic poliomyelitis (one of which was notified after admission to hospital in a neighbouring district).

Both were babies, and in neither could the source of infection be traced. In one, a very young baby, the outcome was fatal.

Modified quarantine measures directed towards limiting the opportunities for spread of the virus were put into force. I am glad to acknowledge that they were received with complete co-operation by all concerned.

MEASLES

Although the numbers are increased from the previous year, they are not great. There were no deaths attributed to measles.

DIPHTHERIA

There were no cases notified.

It is to be hoped that absence of cases does not make parents unmindful of the continuing need for immunisation against this disease. The need is as great and the facilities exist as before.

The County Medical Officer of Health arranges that, in order to draw attention to the need for immunisation, leaflets are distributed by post to parents of children when they are aged eight months and twelve months, and to encourage reinforcing doses at the age of four years nine months. These give details of the facilities available.

741 children under five years of age had completed a full course of immunisation by 31st December, 1954. An estimate of the number of children under five years old in the District is 1,692 of whom approximately 225 would be under eight months old, the age from which immunisation is usually undertaken. The proportion immunised therefore is only about 51%.

It seems likely that diphtheria can be eliminated only if a sufficiently high proportion of the population is immunised.

PARATYPHOID FEVER

Although no cases were notified, there was a case of paratyphoid B infection in a resident of this district notified after his admission to hospital. The source of infection was not determined.

Tuberculosis

The number of new cases of tuberculosis notified, 15, is equal to the number of the previous year.

During the year the Mass Miniature Radiography Unit, paid the following visits to the District:

Waterhouses—Week commencing 4th January. Brandon—Week commencing 12th and 19th April.

Section D

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

1. WATER SUPPLY

With the exception of a few farms and cottages, the district draws its water from the mains of Durham County Water Board.

In general, the supply has been satisfactory.

Schedule showing source of water supply to isolated farms and cottages in the district, not connected with main water supply.

Address	Source of Supply	Remarks
Baal Hill Farm . West Brandon Farm East Brandon Farm Standalone Farm	Spring	These farms receive their water supply from a spring situated near Weather Hill. The water is first pumped to a collecting tank and then piped to the farms after chlorination.
Hill House Farm and Cottages.	,,,	Near houses, and used for drinking. Spring some distance away, used for domestic purposes. There are occasions when the supply has failed and water has had to be led.
Langley Old Cottages Johnson's Farm, Brandon.	33	Good quality, quantity intermittent. Good quality and quantity
Stobb House Farm Ragpath Cottago	1 "	., ., ., .,

2. Sanitary Accommodation

1631 houses with sanitary accommodation of the conservancy type remain in the area, but the majority of these houses are old and will, no doubt, be dealt with under the Housing Acts as Clearance Areas within the next five to ten years, and it would be uneconomical to include these in a scheme of conversions.

On the other hand there are included in this number some houses with an estimated life of 15 to 35 years, and undoubtedly these are properties which should be considered for inclusion in any future conversion scheme.

The total number of conversions completed in 1954 is tabulated below:—

Centre Ward		 	73
North Ward	•••	 	28
			101

The number of Sanitary Conveniences in the area at the end of 1954 was as follows:—

Water closets	•••		•••	4,966
Ash Closets		•••	•••	1,625
Ash-pit Privies		•••	•••	6
				6,597

3. SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Following a meeting held in London in October, 1954, with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and attended by other interested bodies, when the Ministry were unable to approve the comprehensive Browney and Deerness Main Sewcrage and Sewage Disposal Scheme in view of the extent of the financial burden likely to fall upon this Council, our Consulting Engineers are now actively engaged in preparing a revised and more economical scheme for resubmission to the Ministry and other parties concerned.

4. W.C. Conversions

During the year, with financial assistance from the Council under Section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936, the National Coal Board carried out work in connection with the conversion of 73 earth closets into water closets at Albert and Princess Streets, Brandon Colliery, and 28 at Alum Waters, New Brancepeth.

Due to the limited financial resources of the Council, it was not possible to make further grants towards the cost of any more conversions.

5. Private Street Works

Schemes of making up Back Streets and Access Roads thereto were completed at Back Jubilee Terrace, Langley Moor, Back North Terrace (eastern portion), Waterhouses, and Western end of Gables of Cross Street, Brandon Colliery. Thereafter these were taken over as highways repairable by the inhabitants at large, under the Private Street Works Act, 1892.

Progress is being made with the preparation of other schemes for the making up of Back Streets in accordance with the Council's Programme.

(Information in items 3, 4, 5 by courtesy of Mr. F. Hedley, A.R.I.B.A., Architect/Surveyor).

6. Public Cleansing

Your Sanitary Inspector is responsible for the administration and supervision of this department.

The collection and disposal of house and shop refuse is carried out by direct labour, as is also the collection, sorting and baling of salvaged paper.

There are 26 men employed in the department to earry out this work and the details of their duties are shown below:—

Depot Chargema	n	 	1
District Chargem		 	2
Driver Mechanic		 	I
Driver/fillers		 	6
Labourer/fillers		 	16
			26

A fleet of eight Karrier Refuse Collecting vehicles is used for the collection and disposal of refuse and salvage, the particulars of which are shown in the following schedule:—

	Type.	Reg. N	Vo.	Cubic Capacity	Year of Make
1.	Karrier "Gamecock"	STN	3	12 cubic yaads	1953
2.	Karrier Bantam	NVK	900	7 cubic yards	
3.	Karrier "C.K. 3"	MTN	471	10 cubic yards	
4.	Karrier Bantam	LTN	261	7 cubic yards	1947
5.	Karrier Bantam	JVK	557	7 cubic yards	1946
6.	Karrier Bantam	JVK	232	7 cubic yards	1945
7.	Karrier Bantam	JTN	513	7 cubic yards	1942
8.	Karrier Bantam	JTN	27	7 cubic yards	1941

The last two vehicles shown in this schedule have been in constant use since 1941/2 and have reached a stage when they are more of a liability than an asset. As it is becoming difficult to keep a full complement of vehicles on the road the Council has ordered a 12 cu. yd. refuse collecting vehicle to replace the Karrier Bantam JTN 27 and to enable the department to deal more efficiently with the increasing number of houses each year.

During the past year, two lorries with a loading capacity of 10 and 12 cubic yards respectively, each with a team of one driver and four or five labourer/fillers, one of whom is a working chargeman, have been used exclusively for the emptying of bins. At present the area is partitioned into six cleansing districts. The continuing conversions of earth closets to water closets and the provision of bins for refuse, make it possible for the districts to be reorganised, and another "bin" area instituted. The new lorry will, after delivery, be used for the clearance of bins in this or an additional area.

There are approximately 6,625 houses and other premises dealt with each week. Bins are emptied every four to seven days, according to requirements, privies are cleared every seven days.

7. Refuse Disposal

Refuse is led to Council Tips at Brandon Colliery, Ushaw Moor and Esh Winning. Auxiliary tips are also used at Brandon Colliery, Brandon Village, Burnigill Farm and Broompark.

Burnigill Tip

This is a land reclamation scheme, to raise the level of a low lying field which is boggy and often subject to flooding. The completion of the scheme will raise the level of the field by approximately 5-6 feet.

Schedules I and II show details and costs of work done during the year.

SCHEDULE NO. 1. TABLE SHOWING DETAILS OF COSTS FOR REFUSE COLLECTION (DIRECT LABOUR) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1955.

Road Fund Licences ... Insurance—Vehicles

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SCHEDULE No. 2. TABLE SHOWING SUMMARY OF WORK DONE, ETC., BY DIRECT LABOUR DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1955.

		Number of	Petrol				Work Done		Number	Cubic Capacity
VEHICLE NO. AND MAKE		employed on each vehicle	used (gallons)	Mileage	Hours per man	Bins	A/cs.	Total	of loads	of vehicle
Karrier Bantam JTN 27	:	1 Driver 1 Labourer	215	1493	562	1806	1083	2889	138	7 cu. yds.
Karrler Bantam JTN 513	:	1 Driver 1 Labourer	515	3794	19274	20794	11433	32227	7191	7 cu. yds.
Karrier Bantam JVK 232	:	1 Driver 1 Labourer	4428	3272	13514	12032	6905	18937	4581	7 eu. удв.
Karrler Bantau JVK 557	:	1 Driver 1 Labourer	503	2002	5246	16277	23004	39281	863	7 cu. yds.
Karrier Bautam LTN 261	:	1 Driver 1 Labourer	641	4249	1979	13436	20831	34267	780	7 cu. yds.
Karrler C.K. 3 MTN 471	:	1Driver 4 Labourers	12952	5947	21821	83674	3248	86922	9152	10 cu. yds.
Karrier Bantam NVK 900	:	1 Driver 2 Labourers	719	5516	2224	24258	21746	46004	681	7 cu. yds.
Karrler Gamecoek STN 3	:	1 Driver 5 Labourers	11791	5289	2286	93822	15	93837	928	12 cu. yds.
TOTAL	:		5510}	32462	14758}	266099	88265	354364	5484}	

Average Petrol Consumption (overall)-5.89 miles per gallon.

8. SALVAGE.

The following schedule gives details of salvage collections and sales during the year.

The amount of salvaged paper sold during the year shows a slight decrease when compared with 1953 sales, but receipts show a slight increase, as a result of more favourable prices.

1953 Average amount received for paper—£6.96 per ton.

1954 Average amount received for paper—£7.72 per ton.

		P	Veigh	ts	Rec	eipt	s	Expe	ıses	
Paper Scrap Metal Bagging Rags		. 1	Cwts. 1 1 3	Qrs. 0 2 0 2	$\begin{array}{c} 394 \\ 2 \end{array}$	s. 10 19 10	d. 3 1 0 9	£	s.	d.
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Rent, Rates & Insurance Water and Electricity	e							28 4	0	6 5
Trailer Licences Baling Twine and other Postages, Stationery,	 materials	s						38 19 5	$\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 0 \\ 9 \end{array}$	0 5 11
Railway Weighing, Cha Trailer Repairs	rges	•						I 3	8 3	2 0
General Insurances New Baling Machine								63	13	0
TOTAL		•						£403	5	9

9. Rodent Control

The Supervision and administration of Rodent Control is carried out by your Sanitary Inspector.

Mr. G. W. Bone, who is depot chargeman in the Cleansing Department, also acts as part-time Rodent Operator and during the period when sewer treatment is undertaken (twice yearly) two other men are transferred to this work, for a period of approximately four weeks.

Rodent Control was taken over from Durham County Council during 1946, and since that date sewer treatment has been successfully carried out every six months, usually during the months of April and September.

When business premises are disinfested, a charge is made, comprising actual cost of labour and materials, plus a percentage for administration expenses, private dwellings are treated free of charge.

The schedule shows in detail the work over the past nine years, and it is pleasing to note that the sewer infestation continues to decrease.

SCHEDULE SHOWING WORK OF RODENT OPERATORS DURING THE YEARS 1946-1954.

		No. of	Baiting points	Aver bait t		Av. P		Esti- mated total
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1949			199		_	34	31	95
1950			86	43		2	19	46
1951			269	233	1	19	200	500
1952			91	65	20		85	210
1953			283	242	13		252	510
1954			489	340	82		410	820
Private dwe								
Business Pre	mises							
1948			587			238	116	206
1949)	399		-	51	288	92
1950			533	255	47	15	51	127
1951			297	156	15	22	118	290
1952			217	58	84	2	116	280
1953			211	92	87		157	310
1954		156	210	136	38	1	154	380
Sewers in th	e Brandon							
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1946		1	644	59	194	14	259	1722
1947			646	63	30		122	865
1948		1	724	95	27		118	860
1949			738	124	7		130	760
1950			738	424	_		183	701
1951			738	191	9	_	198	495
1952			410	154	5		154	385
1953			393	58	7		64	283
1954			464	67	6		59	142
		11				1		

HOUSING GENERAL

1. CLEARANCE AREAS (CONFIRMED BY MINISTRY OF HEALTH 1936, 1937, 1938).

Area	No. of houses in Area	No. of houses since demolished	No. of houses still occupied	No. of persons re- maining	No. of houses re- quired
Brandon	125	114	9	29	9
New Brancepeth	150	150			_
Langley Moor	60		60	222	65
Ushaw Moor Coll.	97	96	1	6	1
TOTAL	432	360	70	257	75

2. Number of Families and Persons Rehoused in New Council Houses from Clearance Areas—Pre-War.

			$No. \ Families$	$No. \ Persons$
Brandon Colliery		 	38	180
New Brancepeth	•••	 	84	386
		TOTAL	122	566
		TOTAL	122	

3. Number of Families and Persons Rehoused in New Council Houses from Clearance Areas—Post-War.

	1947-	1953	19	54	Tc	otal
District.	Families	Persons	Families	Persons	Families	Persons
Brandon Colliery	. 44	163	_		44	163
Ushaw Moor Colliery	y 71	283	_		71	283
Langley Moor	. 8	37	_		8	37
	-					
TOTAL	. 123	483	_	_	123	483

4. Total Number of Persons Rehoused in New Council Houses Post-War. up to and including 31st December. 1954.

		19	47 - 1953		1954		1947-1	954
Housing Site	P	ersons	Houses		Persons			Total
Situated at			Perm.	Prefab.		Houses	Persons	Houses
Brandon		1605	445	_	205	49	1810	494
Ushaw Moor		1180	312		188	57	1368	369
Esh Winning		935	250	16	128	36	1063	302
Waterhouses		37		12			37	12
New Brancope	th	316	46	42	_		316	88
						-		
TOTAL		4073	1053	70	521	142	4594	1265
		-				(AND DESCRIPTION)	The same of the sa	THE REAL PROPERTY.

(1) DISPLACED UNDER SLUM CLEARANCE SCHEME, (2) LIVING IN OVERCROWDED CONDITIONS, SOHEDULE SHOWING NUMBER OF HOUSES REQUIRED TO REHOUSE FAMILIES (3) Without Homes of their Own, and (4) Health Reasons, ETC.

SCHEDULE SHOWING STATISTICS OF POPULATION, HOUSING APPLICATIONS, AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSES IN WARDS, ETC., UP TO AND INCLUDING 31ST JULY, 1955.

	Houses Demolished	Post-War	194	8	1	61	88	16		818
	Houses Demolish	Pre- War		1	. 1	l	J	150	1	150
Total Number	Built Pre-War and	Post-War Plus Acquired Houses In Sites	591		183	528	594	260		2156
House	lo 19	Total Xumb W-91T Hind	38	1	183	177	165	172	1	735
5	səsno	Acquired H	1~	I	ı	1	26		1	33
10 (1	BW-3	Total Numb Postl (Post Ounit Ho	Brandon Site 546	1	1	Esh Site 351	Ushaw Site 403	New Br. 88	I	1388
pus	Mar	Total Numb built (Post- ni bested in	822	169	149	351	226	208	57	1388
		Honses allo- cated to Council Office	က		1	1		ı	1	3
מאא זיי		Houses allo- cated to Key Workers	15		Doctor 1	1	1	1	1	18
ES DULL AR). YPES.	wr	Houses allo- cated to Slu Clearance	32	1	1	1	₽9	1	1	86
Post-V		Temporary Houses (Prefabs)		[I	28		67	I	2.0
OF CUUNCIL DOUSES DUIDT AND UCCUPIED (POST-WAR). ALLOCATIONS AND TYPES.		Four	©1	7	-	r3	77	ລາ	J	15
ALLOC		Three Bedrooms	68	88	70	131	66	06	26	593
NUMBER		Two smootbad	56	20	20	132	80	6.4	27	437
	uic	Bungalows One Bedroc	31	30	27	7.5	10	10	7	166
Ruold	plica	dy ,, oaig .,	37	30	**	99	75	30	10	251
actions reter	aliqq.	A to radmin galenoH ao	233	140	1:36	224	180	87	55	1055
noita	gnđo	Estlmated P In Wards	4035	2837	2359	4470	3364	2145	900	19810
		WARD	CENTRE	EAST	South	WRST	Изна ж	Моктн	Ввоом	TOTAL 19810

Section F

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. MEAT INSPECTION

Meat Inspection was carried out by the Council Sanitary Inspector and Meat Inspector at the Government Controlled Slaughterhouses, Meadowfield, until the 30th June, 1954.

After that date, it was not considered satisfactory for all the slaughtering in the district to be carried out at those premises and the Council decided to issue licences to butchers whose slaughterhouses conformed to the required standard of fitness.

Before the war, there were two registered and 13 licensed slaughter-houses in the area. This number has now been reduced to nine licensed slaughterhouses and they are situated in the district as follows:—

Brandon (Centre Ward)	 	1
Meadowfield (South Ward)	 	2
Langley Moor (East Ward)	 	2
Ushaw Moor (Ushaw Ward)	 	3
Esh Winning (West Ward)	 	1
Total	 	9

The schedule shown below gives details of carcases inspected and the meat condemned during the year.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND MEAT CONDEMNED

	Cattle excl. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Carcases inspected	1876	229	13	5150	3548	10816
All diseases except Tuberculosis						
Whole carcase	3	3		6	1	13
Weight of con- demned carcases	lbs. 490	lbs. 1498	lbs.	lbs. 304	lbs. 167	lbs. 2459
Carcases of which some part or						
organ was con- demned	403	37	_	39	_	479
Weight of con-	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
demned parts or organs	4678	678		358		5723

CARCASES INSPECTED AND MEAT CONDEMNED—Contd.

	Cattle excl. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Percentage of car- cases and/or or- gans inspected affected with disease other than T.B		% 17.46	0/ ≠0	% 00.87	00.02	% 4.54
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned	_	2	_	_	_	2
Weight of con- demned carcases	lbs.	lbs. 729	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs. 729
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	163	28				191
Weight of con-	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
demned parts or organs	2209	516	_	\	_	2725
Percentage of No. affected with T.B.	% 8.68	% 13.10	%_	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	% 1.78

Issue of Licences to Slaughter Animals

Twenty Slaughtermen's Licences were renewed during the year, and seven new licences issued.

2. FOOD INSPECTION

1,280 lbs. of foodstuffs condemned during the year consisted chiefly of :—

Canned Cooked Meats Imported. Canned Fruit and Vegetables. Bacon.

Sausage, Cheese and Dried Fruit.

3. ICE CREAM

Three of the eight Ice Cream Manufacturers on the Council's Register, have decided to buy in their Ice Cream from the larger Manufacturers, as the comparatively small amount of Ice Cream they were making did not justify the purchase of expensive plant necessary to comply with the Ice Cream Regulations.

The number of manufacturers registered in the area is now five, and 36 shops, etc., are registered as retailers.

These premises are regularly visited and the standard of eleanliness and, in the case of manufacturers, methods of production have been found satisfactory.

4. FISH FRYERS

The premises occupied by the Fish Fryers have been visited regularly during the year and the conditions as regards cleanliness and general management have been found satisfactory.

The following table shows the disposition of these premises in Wards.

	Vard			District		No. of Premises	
CENTRE	•••			Brandon Colliery	•••	•••	3
East			•••	Langley Moor	•••	•••	2
South			•••	Meadowfield Browney			2 2
NORTH		•••	•••	New Brancepeth	•••	•••	2
Вкоом			•••	Broompark	•••	•••	1
Ushaw	•••			Ushaw Moor			3
West				Esh Winning Waterhouses			3 1
				Total	•••		19

5. Bakehouses

There are nine bakehouses in the area, two of which are wholesalers and retailers, and the remainder are in the retail trade only.

The satisfactory standard of cleanliness of these premises has been maintained.

6. MILK SUPPLIES

All milk sold to the general public in the district, is pasteurised and bottled at the Creamery of the Milk Marketing Board, Langley Moor, or by the various dairies in outlying districts who supply pasteurised and sterilised milk through Co-operative Societies and shops.

The following is a summary of the main facts concerning the milk supply in your district:—

Producer Retailers To	uberc	ulin Tes	sted Pas	teurise	ed	3
Producer Retailers Pa	astew	rised				6
Retailers Tuberculin	\mathbf{Teste}	d Paste	eurised			8
Retailers Pasteurised						12
Retailers Sterilised						16
TOTAL						

Of the above, one Producer Retailer (Pasteurised), four Retailers (Tuberculin Tested Pasteurised), four Retailers (Pasteurised) and three Retailers (Sterilised) are non-resident in the area.

CREAMERY, MILK MARKETING BOARD, STONE BRIDGE, LANGLEY MOOR

This Creamery, built by the Milk Marketing Board, was opened on 14th April, 1948, and all dairy farmers taking part in the scheme have their milk collected daily for pasteurisation and bottling.

Those who retail milk have the required quantity returned to them daily.

The Creamery, situated at Stone Bridge, is built on an island of land bounded on the North side by the Main Durham to Crook arterial road, and by the old road on the South side.

The through put of the Creamery has gradually risen from 42,000 gallons weekly to approximately 120,000 gallons, of which some 40,000 gallons are tuberculin tested pasteurised. In addition, 1,500 gallons of cream are bottled yearly.

Employing 115 persons, this Creamery, its buildings, lay out and equipment is regarded by the leading authorities in the trade, as the best and most up-to-date pastcurising and bottling dairy in the country.

Section G

FACTORIES INSPECTION

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948

1. Inspections for Purposes of Provisions as to Health (including Inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector).

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced by Local Authorities		4		
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority		49	3	
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (ex- cluding out-workers' premises)		12	_	
Total	41	65	3	

2. Cases in which defects were found

	Num	No. of cases in which prose-				
Particulars	Found Remed		Refer to H.M. Inspector	red by H.M. Inspector	cutions were instituted	
I	2	3	4	5	6	
Want of cleanliness	1	1	_		_	
Overcrowding	_		_	_	_	
Unreasonable temperature		_	_		_	
Inadequate ventilation	_					
Ineffective drainage of floors	_	_	_	_	_	
Sanitary Conveniences: (a) Insufficient (b) Unsuitable	_	_	_	_	_	
or defective (c) Not separate	_	_	_	_	_	
for sexes						
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	2	1		_		
Total	3	2	-	_	-	

3. Part VIII of the Act

Outwork

(Sections 110 and 111)

	s	ection 11	0	Section 111			
Nature of Work	out- workers in August list required by Sect.	in sending lists to	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	in un-	Notices served	Prosecutions	
(1)	(1) (c) (2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
Wearing Apparel: Making, etc., Cleaning and Washing	2			_			
TOTAL	2		_				

TABLE 1

Table Comparing the Birth Rate, Death Rate, and Analysis of Mortality during the Year 1954, of England and Wales, etc., with that of Brandon and Byshottles.

	Birth Rate per 1000	Death Rate per 1000	Still Births per 1000	Rate per Bir	
	Popula- tion Live Births	Popula- tion All Causes		Diarrhœa and Enteritis under 2 years	Total Deaths under I year
England and Wales	15.25	11.3	24.0	0.8	25.5
160 County Boroughs and Great Towns including London	16.82	12.0	25.6	0.8	29.1
resident population 25,000 to 50,000 at Census 1931)		11.3	22.3	0.5	23.8
Administrative County of Durham	1 7 7 0	11.5	25.2	1.72	31.0
Brandon and Byshottles	16.8	12.4	17.4	5.9	32.6

TABLE II

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE DISTRICT FOR 1954 AND PREVIOUS YEARS,

COMPARATIVE TABLE WITH ENGLAND AND WALES AND WITH DURHAM

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR PAST TEN YEARS

Years		Rate popula			th Rate popula		Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births			
I EARS	Bran- don U.D.C.	Eng- land & Wales	Dur- ham C.C.	Bran- don U.D.C.	Eng- land & Wales	Dur- ham C.C.	Bran- don U.D.C.	Eng- land & Wales	Dur- ham . C.C.	
1944	21.3	17.6	20.9	13.5	11.6	12.0	73	61	46	
1945	21.8	16.1	18.9	14.9	11.4	12.0	80	46	54	
1946	22.3	19.1	21.3	11.4	11.5	11.6	50	43	49	
1947	21.3	20.5	22.2	12.5	12.0	12.1	62	41	50	
1948		17.9	20.0	11.0	10.8	11.1	60	34	47	
1949		16.7	18.7	11.5	11.7	11.5	43	32	44	
1950		15.8	17.8	12.0	11.6	11.8	31.7	29.8	40.0	
1951		15.5	17.6	12.6	12.5	12.4	52.4	29.6	42.0	
$1952 \dots$		15.3	17.3	11.0	11.3	10.9	52.9	27.6	32.9	
1953	18.3	15.5	17.7	11.2	11.4	11.0	27.2	26.8	31.0	
Mean for 10 years								Į.		
1944-1953	19.6	17.0	19.2	12.1	11.5	11.6	53.2	37.0	43.5	
1954	16.8	15.2	17.3	12.4	11.3	11.5	32.64	25.5	31.0	

TABLE III
CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1954

Causes of Death				Total	Male	Female
ALL CAUSES				224	129	95
Tuberculosis Respiratory				3	3	0
Tuberculosis Other				0	0	. 0
Syphilitic Disease				1	1	0
Diphtheria				0	0	0
Whooping Cough				0	0	0
Meningococcal Infections				0	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis				1	1	0
Measles				0	0	0
Other infective and parasitic dis	eases			0 '	0	0
Malignant Neoplasm Stomach				12	6	6
., Lung and I	Brone!	hus		3	3	0
,, Breast				3	0	3
,, Uterus				1	0	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic	Neor	olasms		21	14	7
Leukemia and Aleukemia				1	0	1
Diabetes				1	0	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous Sys	tem			36	20	16
Coronary Disease Angina				22	13	9
Hypertension with heart disease			}	5	1	4
Other Heart Disease				45	21	24
Other Circulatory Diseases				6	4	2
T. a				. 2	0	2
Dramania				11	6	5
Bronchitis				11	10	1
Other Disease of Respiratory Sys				3	3	0
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenun				2	2	0
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoe				3	2	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis				3	1	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate				$_2$	2	0
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion				1 1	0	i
Congenital Malformations				5	$\tilde{2}$	3
Other defined and ill-defined Dis	eases			13	7	6
Motor Vehicle Accidents				4	4	Ö
All other Accidents				$\hat{3}$	$\hat{3}$	0
Suicide				0	ő	ő
Homicide and operations of War				o l	ő	ő

TABLE IV
DEATHS AT VARIOUS AGE PERIODS

A	LL ĄG	ES		0—	1—	2—	5—	15—	25—	45	65—	75—	Total
Males			•••	4	_	1	1	2	7	37	40	37	129
Females		•••		7	_	_	1		3	24	20	40	95
Total	•••			11	0	1	2	2	10	61	60	77	224

TABLE V

INFANT MORTALITY 1954

Grand	4	কা	ಣ	જા	11
9—12 months	-	1		ı	-
6—9 months	-	1	1	-	હ્ય
3—6 months		-	1	-	જા
1—3 months	1	Department	1	İ	-
Total under 1 month	1	1	ಣ	1	Ω
3—4 weeks		1	1	1	
2—3 weeks	1	1	1	1	ଦ
l—2 weeks	1	Ţ	1	1	
Under 1 week		1	က	I	က
Cause of Death	Pneumonia	Gastro Enteritis	Prematurity	Congenital Malformations	Totals

TABLE VI

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES REPORTED DURING THE YEAR

	Number of Cases Notified			Deaths			
	1952	1953	1954	1952	1953	1954	
Scarlet Fever	 23	52	4				
Whooping Cough	 28	100	96		1		
Acute Poliomyelitis:							
Paralytic	 1	2	1			1	
Non-Paralytic	 	_	- 3	-	. —		
Measles	 236	142	213	1	1	_	
Diphtheria	 	2		- 1		_	
Acute Pneumonia	 1	3		7	10	11	
Dysentery	 _	_) — I	_	
Smallpox	 _				0 - 1	_	
Acute Encephalitis:							
Infective	 		\	1	\circ	_	
Post Infectious	 		-	_		_	
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	 1	1		_	_	_	
Paratyphoid Fever	 			_	_	_	
Erysipėlas	 2	3	3	-	_		
Meningococcal Infection	 1	_			-	_	
Food poisoning	 _	-	_		_		
Puerperal Pyrexia	 1	3		_	1		
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	 _		_	_ ;	_	_	

TABLE VII

ANALYSIS OF CASES OF SCARLET FEVER, WHOOPING COUGH, MEASLES AND POLIOMYELITIS

Ages	0-1	12	34	59	10—14	15—24	2534	35—44	45-
Scarlet Fever	 _	1	1		1	1			
Whooping Cough	 7	30	30	28	1	_		_	_
Measles	 ð	49	61	96	2	_			
Poliomyelitis	 1			_	_	_	_		_

TABLE VIII
TUBERCULOSIS

			New	Cases		Deaths				
Age Group		Pulmonary			Non- Pulmonary		onary	Non- Pulmonary		
		М.	F.	М.	F.	M.	F.	М.	F.	
1				_		_	_	_	_	
l5		 _	_	_	_ 1		_			
5-10		 		_	1	_	_	—		
1015		 _	-				_	—	—	
15-20		 	1	_			- 1	— ,	_	
20-25		 _	4	<u> </u>		_	_			
25—35		 2	_	l —	- 1	_		_	_	
35-45		 1	- /	-		1	_	- 1	_	
4555		 2	1	_	_	1	- 1	_	· —	
55—65		 2			- 1	1			_	
65 Upwa	rds	 _	1	-	- 1		- 1	_		
Tota	als	 7	7		1	3		_	_	

TABLE IX

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION 1954

	.,,
0—15	96
Total	214
5—16	6
Under 5	205
5—15	2304
Under 5	741
1954	337
1953	363
	1954 Under 5 5—15 Under 5 5—15 Total

NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO HAD COMPLETED A FULL COURSE OF IMMUNISATION AT ANY TIME UP TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1954.

14 1940	257
13	249
12	269
1111943	193
10	238
9	258
8 1946	204
7	193
6 1948	230
5 1949	213
4 1950	199
3 1951	175
2 1952	183
1 1953	157
Under 1 1954	27

Table X

The following is a summary of the number of houses, shops, and business premises, licensed premises and other premises, in your district as shown in your Valuation List 21/7/55:—

Dwelling Houses					6290
Houses and Business Pres	mises at	ttached	l		129
Shops (separately rated)					102
Co-operative Stores					10
Licensed Premises					24
Workmen's Clubs and Ins	stitutes				11
Cinemas					6
Schools					12
Offices					12
Halls and Meeting Places					24
Radio Relay undertaking	s				1
Refuse Tips					4
Sewage Works and Tanks	3				10
Cemeteries					3
Hospital					1
Sporting Rights					3
Recreation Grounds					7
Hoardings					7
Water Pumping Station					1
Garages and other tempo	rary ere	ections			374
Crown occupations					5
Public Utilities					7
Industrials					30
Colliery Water Supply					
Open Cast Coal Disposal	Centre				1
Non-Industrial Heredita			y Build	lings	
Pit Head Bath			*		1

TABLE XI

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE IN SANITARY INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT DURING THE YEAR 1954

1. TABULAR STATEMENT FOR YEAR 1954

New Houses Completed during year	With State Assistance	Unaided	Total
(a) By Local Authority	 148	_	148
(b) By any other Housing Authority	 		
(c) By Private Persons		6	6

Total No. of Inhabited Houses-6,290

2. Closing and Demolition of Houses Formal Action. (i) No. of houses demolished during year as a result of Clearance Schemes or other formal action 20 (ii) No. of houses closed but not demolished as a result of formal action ... 4 (iii) No. of houses in Clearance Areas demolition of which temporarily postponed 70 В. Informal Action. (i) No. of houses permanently discontinued as dwellings as a result of informal action and not included above 1 RECONDITIONING AND REPAIR No. of houses made fit during year by procedure under either Housing or Public Health Acts:— (a) As a result of informal action ... 126 By owners as a result of statutory notice By Local Authority in default of owners

4. IMPROVEMENT GRANTS: HOUSING ACT, 1949

+.		A 1 1 1. T		sep	lo. of parate ouses
	(a)	Applications submitted to Local Aut	•	• • •	12
	(b)	Applications rejected by Local Author	ority		12
	(c)	Applications forwarded to Ministry and Local Government	y of Ho	using 	Nil
	(d)	Applications rejected by	do.		Nil
	(e)	Applications approved by	do.		Nil
	(<i>f</i>)	Total No. of applications approved s of scheme	ince ince	ption 	5
õ.	RURAL	Housing Survey			
	Has	survey been completed for whole of d	listrict ?		
		(If answer is "Yes" please show it position at end of year as affected ditionings or demolitions since surve state classification so far as has been to date).	by and reey. If "	econ- No ''	
		1			

Category	Classification	Number
1	Satisfactory in all respects	
2	Minor defects	
3	Requiring repair; structural alterations or improvement	
4	Appropriate for reconditioning and included under Category 3	
5	Unfit for habitation and beyond repair at reasonable expense	

If survey is incomplete, approximately how many houses remain to be inspected?

6. LIST OF BYE-LAWS IN FORCE IN DISTRICT

Title
Pleasure Grounds—Holliday Park
Offensive Trades
Slaughterhouses
Mortuaries (Management) Highways (Conduct—Entering Public Vehicles)
Clean Food
Haekney Carriages
Building Byelaws

7. GENERAL SUMMARY

	No. of Inspec- tions	No. of Informal Notices Served	No. of Statu- tory Notices Served	Defects Remedied after Notice	Legal Proceed- ings and General Remarks
Housing:					
Public Health & Housing					
Acts	1	126	_	126	
Overcrowding	. 20			16	Reh's'd
Sanitary Conveniences:					
Insufficient		1	_		
Defective	. 34	14	_	14	l
Drainage		<u> </u>			_
Water Supply	. 36	4		4	
Food Premises		_	_	_	_
Shops Act		_		_	
Dairies		_	_	_	_
Slaughterhouses:					
Public	-			_	
Private				_	
Tents, Vans, etc	. 6	1		1	
Offensive Trades		_		_	
Factories & Workplaces	. 65	3	_	3	
Keeping of Animals	. —	_	_	_	1
Insanitary Ashpits and					
Receptacles		12	48	113	1
Offensive accumulations		I	_	_	
Smoke Nuisances	. 3	1	_	1	
Prevention of Damage by		_			
Pests Act 1949	. 96	1	•	1	
Total	. 504	163	48	279	
Ashpit-privies conver	ted into	water-clo	sets		28
Ash-closets converted	l into wat	er-closet	s		73
Total number of water	er-closets	in Distri	ct	4	1966

Ashpit-privies converted into water-closets	• • •	28
Ash-closets converted into water-closets		73
Total number of water-closets in District		4966
Total number of ash-closets in District		1625
Total number of ash-pit privies in District		6
Total		6698

WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE-PROGRESS REPORT ON SCHEMES IN HAND

Remarks	1
If in progress indicate stage	
Date Completed	1
Date Com- menced	1
Date of Ministry of Health Approval	Not yet approved
Estimated	£214,407
Date of Ministry of Health Inquiry or Investigation	Inquiry 2nd February 1954
Water or Sewerage	Sewerage
Name of Scheme and Area to be served	Deerness Valley Sewerage Scheme





